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writing a History of the United States in a single volume, that should fall between the elaborate works, which are beyond the reach of most busy people, and the condensed school histories, which are emasculated of all literary style through the necessity of crowding so many facts into small space." In this well printed, and very conveniently arranged volume, the author has done his work exceedingly well.

**THE DESCENDANTS OF JOHN THOMSON, PIONEER, SCOTCH COVENANTOR.** Genealogical Notes on all known Descendants, Covenantor, of Scotland, Ireland, and Pennsylvania, with such Biographical Sketches as Could be Obtained from Available Published Records or were supplied by the Friends of Those Individuals who were too Modest to Tell of their own Accomplishments. Compiled for the Cousins by Adams S. McAllister, New York, N. Y., 1917. Easton, Pa., The Chemical Publishing Company, Printers, pp. 355.

A very carefully prepared, well printed and wellbound family history. Though originally settled in Pennsylvania this family has now descendants of many names throughout the country.

**THE ENGLISH SPEAKING PEOPLES, THEIR FUTURE RELATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.** BY GEORGE LOUIS BEER, Sometime Lecturer in European History at Columbia University; Author of "The Old Colonial System 1669-1754," "British Colonial Policy 1754-1765," etc. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1917, pp. 322.

"The present world-war, both in its outbreak and in its devastating course, has forcibly driven into the minds of most thinking men the firm conviction that the existing system of international relations are out of harmony with the fundamental facts of modern life", are the opening words of this noteworthy book. How this harmony may be restored, at least among English speaking peoples, is the subject of a very thoughtful and scholarly study. The chapters treat of International Anarchy, Nationalism and Sovereignty, American Foreign Policy Before 1914, The Background of the War, America's Relation to the War, The Unity of English Speaking Peoples, Economic Interdependence, Community of Policy, and an Appendix of valuable notes.

**ESSAYS ON TRANSPORTATION. A COMMENTARY ON THE POLITICAL FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH THE EAST INDIAN TRADE HAS BEEN CARRIED ON FROM VERY EARLY TIMES, STARTING WITH BABYLON AND ENDING VERY NEAR BABYLON.** BY A. J. MORRISON. Boston: Sherman, French & Company, 1917, pp. 177.

Transportation is one of the most vital things in the world; but that a reader could find essays on it so engrossing that he could not put the book down until it was finished, was a new discovery to at least one reader. It is certain that not only one, but very many readers of Mr. Morrison's

book will have the same experience. With wide knowledge, and lively style he treats of East Indian trade routes, from Babylon to the new Bagdad railway. We see the caravans, the ships of Tyre and Sidon, Greek and Roman galleys, the Venetian fleets, Vasco de Gama rounding the Cape, English and Dutch in the East, the beautiful American clippers, and finally the Union Pacific Railroad, the Suez Canal, and the Bagdad railway. These and hundreds of other allied subjects are treated of in a most interesting way. Every student of history should possess this book, both for what it tells and what it suggests.

**EARLY AMERICAN FAMILIES.** The Williams, Moore, McKittrick, Ponda, Van Allen, Lanning, King, Justice, Cunningham, Longacre, Swanson and Cox Families (etc.) BY REV. W. A. WILLIAMS, D. D. 3012 Richmond St., Philadelphia, Pa., pp. 48, illustrated.

This compact little book will interest the members of the families named, who were chiefly resident in Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. But the claim of royal descent through Rachel Dolbey, because she was a "cousin" of President W. H. Harrison, would require much more proof than is given. Neither Benjamin Harrison, father of the Signer, nor William Bassett had a daughter who married a Dolbey.

**CHRONICLES OF PENNSYLVANIA FROM THE ENGLISH RESTORATION TO THE PEACE OF AIX LA CHAPELLE, 1688-1748.** BY CHARLES P. KEITH, Author of "The Provincial Councillors of Pennsylvania, 1733-1776," and "The Ancestry of Benjamin Harrison." In Two Volumes. Philadelphia, 1917, pp. 981.

The best compliment a Virginian can pay this book is to wish that we had one just like it, covering the same period. Few men know the history of Pennsylvania and especially of Pennsylvanians as Mr. Keith does. His work is an important contribution to American history, and much of it has a far wider appeal than to any merely local interest.

**THE BEVILLE FAMILY OF VIRGINIA, GEORGIA AND FLORIDA AND SEVERAL ALLIED FAMILIES, NORTH AND SOUTH.** By Agnes Beville Vaughan Tedcastle, Boston, Mass. Privately printed.

The author of this handsome volume has a happy intermingling of Southern and Northern blood and is in every way well equipped to tell the story of her ancestors.

The main "stem-family," which gives the title to the book descends from Essex Beville or Beville, a settler in Henrico county, Virginia, well-known to the students of the records of that county. His descendants and the families allied to them are carefully traced. The genealogist will find much of interest, but it is believed that even to the most inveterate searcher after ancestors the greatest value of the work will be the delightful accounts of ante-bellum life in the far South. These are not fancy pictures but drawn from authoritative sources.